



WHEREAS, agriculture plays a vital role in Colorado's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Proud program represents more than 1,900 members and promotes the best and the freshest locally grown agricultural products in the state; and

WHEREAS, eating healthy, wholesome foods provides Colorado's schoolchildren with improved health and the best chance to succeed in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Colorado school districts provide nutritious and nourishing meals to encourage better fitness and sensible eating decisions in students, which has been proven to reduce the occurrence of chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Proud educates tomorrow's leaders about the significance of Colorado agriculture and the role it plays in a healthy lifestyle;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2013,

COLORADO PROUD SCHOOL MEAL DAY

In the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this eighteenth day of September, 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John W. Hickenlooper".

*John W. Hickenlooper
Governor*

